Lady Devils gearing up

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performance as a team.

"Our biggest assets have been the girls' attitudes, and their willingness to work," McCickard says.

Summer practice sessions for the Lady Red Devils were intense, with the players logging a minimum of three hours on the courts each day.

"The practices have been going well; the girls have been improving steadily," McCrickard says.

One area which the coach is still working on is defense. "We need to become a more aggressive team," says McCrickard. He says the Lady Red Devils are planning on playing a man-to-man defense as much as possible.

Regarding the Seminole District, McCrickard expects Liberty and Appomattox to be the two teams to beat this season. "The district as a whole may not be as strong this year as last," says the coach. "But it's hard to tell at the first of the season, and I am still learning about the girls' basketball programs in the Seminole District.

McCrickard acknowledges that matching last year's record will be a tough challenge for the 1982 version of the Lady Red Devils.

But, he says, "the girls have shown a very good attitude and a lot of determination. If we can play aggressive defense and get things going as a team, we'll have a better team this year than some people may think."

Lady Red Devil Schedule

Rustburg High School Girls' Varsity & JV Basketball 1982

Date	Opponent	Place
8-31	Nelson	Nelson
9-2	Liberty	Rustburg
9-7	Gretna	Rustburg
9-9	Jefferson Forest	Forest
9-14	Buckingham	Buckingham
9-16	Altavista	Rustburg
9-21	Brookville	Rustburg
9-23	William Campbell	Wm. Campbell
9-28	Appomattox	Rustburg
9-30	Nelson	Rustburg
10-5	Liberty	Liberty
10-7	Gretna	Gretna
10-12	Jefferson Forest	Rustburg
10-14	Buckingham	Rustburg
10-19	Altavista	Altavista
10-21	Brookville	Brookville
10-26	Wm. Campbell	Rustburg
10-28	Appomattox	Appomattox
11-2	Seminole Dist. Tourn.	Liberty
11-3	Seminole Dist. Tourn.	Liberty
11-4	Seminole Dist. Tourn.	Liberty
11-6	Seminole Dist. Tourn.	Liberty

All games start at 8 p.m., except tournament games, which start at 7 p.m. Regular season jayvee games start at 6 p.m.

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Raiderettes set for 1982 season

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is the team captain.

Seniors Cheryl Williams and Robin Paulette add that the Raiderettes' performance thus far in practice has indicated that their various talents are, indeed, coming together as a team.

"Even though we lost three starters from last year, I think we have the talent this year to even things out," comments Paulette. "We've been working mostly on a quick, fast-break offense, and an aggressive defensive game," she adds.

"Things have been shaping up pretty good for the season," Williams adds. "Coach Tolley has taught us how to play against the larger girls we'll face this season: we've been taught how to play against every type of player."

Tolley notes that competition within the Seminole District this year will be tough, as usual.

"I think Liberty is going to be the team to beat," Tolley says. "They lost a few starters from last year's team, but they still have two of the top players in the district, Junel Leftwich and Shirley Stapleton."

Leftwich was the district's Player of the Year in 1981, and Stapleton was named to the first team of the All Seminole District squad.

"Rustburg lost a lot of players last year," Tolley

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Knights are ready to go

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ram-it-down-their-throat offense. But in this district, there are so many different kinds of offenses, so many ways the other team can hurt you, that you have to be versatile, and your offense can never become predictable."

Gowin, like his team, is enthusiastic about the coming season. "Last year, we changed our strategy so that we'd be competitive in the Seminole District," the coach notes.

"And with the success of the off-season weight training program, we feel like we're at least as well prepared for the season now as we were at this time last year."

Buckingham's season opener will be this Friday (Sept. 3) against Jefferson Forest, at Jefferson Forest. Game time is 8 p.m.

Lady Knights expect help from young girls

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Gretna) made the season for them."

The Lady Knights are still working hard, McDaniel says, and their attitude about the game is "better than ever." With the depth of new talent on this year's team, McDaniel expects a much different story when the season's final record is tallied.

"We have six or eight really strong people, and they'll all be seeing a lot of action," the coach says.

The key to the Lady Knights' success this season may be the team's diversity.

"Carter, Brown, Apperson and Bartee are all excellent outside shooters," McDaniel says. "And we get very good inside shooting from Brown and Apperson," she adds.

With the players' shooting ability are speed and quickness, two talents which will be used in perfecting the team's fast-breaking offense and defense.

"We'll be using a zone defense mostly," McDaniel notes. "But there are two or three different defenses we'll probably be using throughout the year."

The coach notes that her players have had "excellent" practice sessions since preparations began in August. "The girls have shown me more cohesiveness as a team at this point than last year's team did at the same point in the season," says McDaniel.

Anticipating the coming season, McDaniel says she is sure that competition "will be tough" in the Seminole District this year.

"It's a competitive district," says the coach. "But with the talent we have on the team this year, I think we'll be playing on a equal level with the other teams.

Lady Knight Schedule

Buckingham Varsity Girls' Basketball

Date	Opponent	Place
Aug. 31	Altavista	Home
Sept. 2	J. Forest	Home
Sept. 7	Liberty	Away
Sept. 8	Cumberland	Home
Sept. 9	Wm. Campbell	Away
Sept. 14	Rustburg	Home
Sept. 15	Cumberland	Away
Sept. 16	Gretna	Home
Sept. 21	Nelson	Away
Sept. 23	Appomattox	Away
Sept. 28	Brookville	Home
Sept. 30	Altavista	Away
Oct. 5	J. Forest	Away
Oct. 7	Liberty	Home
Oct. 12	William Campbell	Home
Oct. 14	Rustburg	Away
Oct. 19	Gretna	Away
Oct. 21	Nelson	Home
Oct. 26	Appomattox	Home
Oct. 28	Brookville	Away

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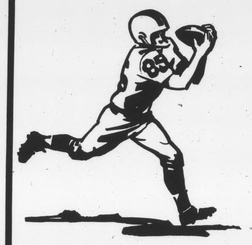

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